DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES 744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

February 15, 1989



ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 89-18

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: TITLE IV-E INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS FOR

FISCAL YEAR 1988-89

REFERENCE: ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 1-72-88

ALL-COUNTY LETTERS 88-99, 88-82

This letter notifies Counties of the final allocation of funds for the provision of Independent Living Program (ILP) training to adolescents aged 16 and over who are receiving foster care maintenance payments. This letter also confirms State acceptance of individual County ILP plans submitted for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 1989, October 1, 1988 through September 30, 1989.

BACKGROUND:

All-County Information Notice (ACIN) I-72-88 dated July 29, 1988, notified Counties of the availability of ILP funds and provided each County's tentative allocation for FFY 1989. The tentative allocations were based upon the number of federally-eligible youth in each County as reported to the Foster Care Information System for FFY 1987. Since that time, the following two events have occurred which have affected the final determination of FFY 1989 ILP allocations:

- Nine Counties informed the State Department of Social Services (SDSS) of their intent not to provide ILP training.
- 2. Recently enacted federal legislation, Public Law (P.L.) 100-647, expanded ILP services to non-federally eligible youth effective November 10, 1988.

ALLOCATION METHODOLOGY:

In consideration of the above, the attached final allocation schedule reflects:

o The redistribution to participating Counties of additional ILP funds made available by the decisions of Amador, Colusa, Del Norte, Inyo, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Mono, and Sierra Counties not to participate;

- o The distribution of funds for the period of October 1, 1988 through June 30, 1989, based on each County's proportionate share of the State's federally eligible foster care population, age 16 and over, as reported to the Foster Care Information System for October 1987 through June 1988; and
- o The distribution of funds for the period of July 1, 1989 through September 30, 1989, based on each participating County's proportionate share of the State's total federally and non-federally eligible foster care population, age 16 and over, as reported to the Foster Care Information System for June through September 1988.

Counties may serve non-federally eligible children effective November 10, 1988; however, the allocation formula does not change to reflect the expanded population until the fourth quarter of this FFY. This will allow any County whose allocation will change significantly as a result of the expanded population to plan for the change and adjust program operations accordingly.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

- The final allocation schedule also specifies each County's maximum administrative reimbursement. A maximum of 20 percent of the total ILP allocation has been established for administrative activities. Counties must receive prior written SDSS approval for administrative expenditures in excess of the 20 percent limit.
- o ILP funds allocated for use during FFY 1988 which were not expended by September 30, 1988, are permitted to be carried over and used during FFY 1989 for ILP activities.
- o All available ILP funds must be expended by September 30, 1989.
- o The SDSS plans to review the reporting requirements discussed in All-County Letter (ACL) 88-82 and ACL 88-107 pertaining to the 1987/88 ILP. In the interim, participating Counties should continue to maintain information requested by the Individual Client Characteristic Data form (SOC 385).
- o Public Law 100-647 reauthorized the ILP at the current national funding level of \$45 million through September 30, 1990. The Department has submitted a proposal for California's share of the funds and will provide additional information to Counties when it is available.
- o Independent Living Program funds are authorized and allocated on a Federal Fiscal Year basis. States apply for available funds during the year in which the funds are originally

authorized; however, the State and CWDs use the funds for ILP program operations during the FFY following the year in which they were authorized. The following chart is included to help clarify this issue.

- FFY 1987 October 1, 1986 September 30, 1987.
 This was the first year during which funds were authorized. These funds were allocated for CWD use during FFY 1988. ILP services were not implemented at the County level during FFY 1987.
- FFY 1988 October 1, 1987 September 30, 1988.
 This was the first year of CWD ILP implementation.
 CWDs used funds authorized in FFY 1987 to provide ILP services in FFY 1988.
- FFY 1989 October 1, 1988 September 30, 1989.

 This is the current and second year of CWD ILP operations. During this FFY, the CWDs may use any unexpended balance of funds authorized in FFY 1987 (carryover), plus the allocations for expenditure in FFY 1989 as specified in this ACL.
- FFY 1990 October 1, 1989 September 30, 1990.
 P.L. 100-647 authorized FFY 1989 funds for expenditure during this period. The SDSS has submitted an application for funds made available to California.

Questions regarding Independent Living Program implementation issues should be directed to your Adult and Family Services Operations consultant at (916) 445-0623. Questions regarding the Independent Living Program time study and fiscal claiming instructions should be directed to the Fiscal Policy and Procedures Bureau at (916) 445-7046.

LOREN D. SUTER

Deputy Director

Adult and Family Services

Attachment

cc: County Welfare Directors Association

FOSTER CARE CHILDREN AGES 16 THRU 18 -- FED AND NONFED REPORTED TO THE FCSTER CARE INFORMATION SYSTEM DURING FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 1988

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